

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

EXHIBIT

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SUSIE ZAPATA and MONICA GARCIA,

Plaintiffs,

V.

1:21-cv-00083-MV-JFR

LEON MARTINEZ, ROBERTA LUCERO-ORTEGA,
ARTHUR SANCHEZ, BERLEEN ESTEVAN,
and SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF LEON MARTINEZ
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022
10:00 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING PLATFORM

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 communicating when problems arise. Can you say a little 2 more about that your expectations of the people you are 3 supervising to communicate? 4 A. It's just what is right. I mean, just let me 5 know. I had a boss a long time ago tell me, "Let me know 6 before my boss knows what's going on." Because if I get a 7 phone call from my boss saying "Hey, what's going on 8 here," I obviously don't have a handle on my facility. 9 So that's something I teach my staff. "Hey 10 come and talk to me. I have an open-door policy 24-7. I 11 have a state-issued telephone. Call me. It doesn't 12 matter." 13 I always want to be in the know. I might 14 not be able to have the answers right then and there, fix 15 it right then and there, but at least I know. 16 Q. Okay. You want to be in the communication loop. 17 A. Yes, sir. 18 Q. That makes sense. 19 So again, Ms. Lucero-Ortega mentioned a 20 couple of things about her job duties as warden in her 21 written discovery, and I just want to run these by you and 22 make sure I wrote them down here. 23 She said ensuring the facility's safety. 24 Maybe a no-brainer but I wanted to run that by you anyway. 25 A. That's everybody's responsibility, yeah.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 well get promoted and be his boss instead of vice versa." 2 That's the reality of the situation. I have a lot of 3 knowledge. 4 I don't have any degrees in college, but I 5 always tell people I have a PhD in criminal justice and in 6 prison -- you know, within the prison walls. It's just the 7 natural progression, I was just ready for them. And 8 actually it took me a lot longer than some, because I did 9 spend so much time on the security side first. I mean, we 10 went through the whole Johnson Administration where we 11 weren't getting promoted, we weren't getting, you know, 12 stuff of that nature, and then eventually things opened 13 up, doors opened up. Leadership roles change, people 14 retire and there's your opportunity. Take it or not. 15 I was also willing to move, too, and that's 16 one thing that's unique about me is I've made it known 17 years ago that I'll work anywhere between where I live now 18 and then out -- Central is not too far for me, Western's 19 kind of far but it was feasible. PNM's, you know, kind of 20 all in that little triangle area that I think for myself 21 that I would work at. And I've worked all three 22 facilities there. 23 I've worked at Roswell, as well. And that 24 was far for my family, but as long as it was in that 25 triangle I was willing to move, and that helped the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 Q. And again it's a heightened responsibility for 2 people in those leadership positions, correct? 3 A. It should be, depending on the person. I mean, 4 you have some people that just don't care in leadership 5 roles for whatever reason. I mean, that's their choice. 6 I mean those are usually weeded out pretty quickly. 7 So I can't say that's for everybody, I 8 can't say that's systemic. It's just how I operate. 9 Q. At least in your mind, though, it would be 10 inappropriate for someone in a warden or deputy warden 11 role to not have that as part of their explicit job 12 responsibility. 13 A. In my opinion, I absolutely agree. 14 Q. Right. Can you tell me, what was your interest 15 in serving in those roles? Because you have had these 16 leadership roles at different facilities for a while. 17 What appealed to you about serving as deputy warden and/or 18 warden in these different facilities in your career? 19 A. It's the natural career path. I mean, you get 20 to a point where you believe that if I was in this role I 21 could make a difference. You know, it's that whole thing 22 that, if I was in charge I could do this or I could do 23 that. Or, "Hey, I can do a better job than this guy. I 24 know I can do a better job than that guy," and, "I 25 definitely don't want to work for that guy. I might as</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 department locate me where they wanted me, basically. 2 Q. How long did you work in Roswell? That is a 3 little ways away from the triangle you're describing. 4 A. About six months in 2015 I was the acting warden 5 out there. 6 Q. I see. And I guess from what you're saying is 7 you wanted to get back into the triangle somewhat quickly, 8 because your family didn't move with you, did they? 9 A. No, sir. They stayed at home and that was a 10 tough time. 11 Q. Yeah. I could see that. 12 Okay. You know, you gave a long list of 13 the trainings you've had over the years, which was really 14 impressive. Was most of that provided through the 15 Corrections Department itself? 16 A. Or its affiliates. National Corrections 17 Institute is another one. Uhm, I think that's probably 18 the majority of it, though, yes. 19 Q. Okay. And were you professionally satisfied 20 with the trainings you've gotten over the years from the 21 NCI or the Corrections Department itself? 22 A. Yeah, I mean -- you know, with Corrections I 23 mean -- kind of a tangent, and I don't know if we have 24 time for it or not, but you don't learn Corrections from 25 going to school and getting a Master's degree. As warden</p>

6 (Pages 18 to 21)

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1 institution?

2 A. I guess. I try to be as approachable as
3 possible in any job that I do. It's just -- it's just
4 different. I can't even -- I can't -- I can't tell you
5 why it happens that way, it just does.

6 **Q. Right. Okay. If there were problems with
7 rodents at Western, you would expect Mr. Sanchez to know
8 about it, correct?**

9 A. Yes.

10 **Q. And you would also expect, given what we talked
11 about earlier, that he would communicate those problems to
12 you, his direct supervisor. Correct?**

13 A. Correct. So let's -- let's be clear about what
14 an "issue" is with rodents.

15 Seeing one mice scurrying across the
16 floor -- I had a mouse in my office one time. I probably
17 called Art, "Hey man, I got a mouse in my pocket" -- not
18 pocket -- "in my office."

19 He brought me a trap and I caught him a
20 couple of days later. And that was the time I -- so,
21 yeah.

22 **Q. Sure.**

23 A. So mice crawling on top of mice and falling out
24 of the ceilings and the walls, that's different.

25 So as far as a mouse scurrying across the

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1 A. Not that I recall. I know they had some issues
2 where inmates claimed they saw feces in food, and it ended
3 up being something else. I've had stuff of that nature.

4 We had issues with glue traps because they would use them
5 for other purposes. Stuff of that nature, yeah.

6 But like a mass problem like I said, like
7 they are falling out of the walls and ceilings, no.

8 **Q. Do you have --**

9 A. Anything that's considered like an emergency
10 that I need to get Central Office involved and say, "Hey,
11 we got to tear this place down and rebuild it"? Short of
12 that, no.

13 **Q. Same with Ms. Estevan. She never communicated
14 to you a problem on with rodents at Western.**

15 A. No.

16 MS. PULLEN: Objection to form, foundation.

17 MS. MOULTON: Join.

18 **Q. And she certainly never communicated to you that
19 there was a rodent infestation at Western.**

20 MS. PULLEN: Objection to form.

21 A. As previously defined, like infestation falling
22 out of the ceilings and walls and walking over rodents all
23 the time, no.

24 **Q. Let's contextualize that a little bit, because,
25 yeah, I've had mice in my house, too, and it's not fun,**

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1 floor, yeah, sure. But I don't need to be told about
2 that. I don't care about that. It was in my office.
3 "Hey, come and get this damn mouse. "

4 If it's a huge issue, yeah, of course I
5 would expect it be communicated to me. That's a big
6 problem.

7 **Q. That's right. Okay. That makes sense.**

8 **And you did expect Mr. Sanchez, given his
9 role inspecting the facility specifically for issues
10 regarding pests, and in particular rodents, to know about
11 a problem if it exists and communicate it to his direct
12 supervisor, which would be you.**

13 A. Correct.

14 MS. MOULTON: Objection to form.

15 **Q. Okay.**

16 A. Correct. If it was reported to him. Sometimes
17 inmates don't want to report it. They might be mad at Art
18 for whatever reason and they're going to go tell CO
19 Somebody Else.

20 **Q. So just to be clear, you never recall Mr.
21 Sanchez reporting to you that there was an issue with
22 rodents at Western that needed to be addressed.**

23 A. No, not that I recall.

24 **Q. Okay. He never talked about there being an
25 infestation of rodents at Western that you recall.**

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1 **but that's different from infestation.**

2 **I think one way to define it, maybe just
3 for our purposes, is they are breeding in the walls and
4 they're, you know, large quantities. They've moved in, so
5 to speak.**

6 A. Using that definition, no one has ever reported
7 that type of infestation to me.

8 **Q. Okay. Let me -- let's look at a couple of other
9 exhibits here. And these are just -- you know, I'm
10 sharing these with you by way of example.**

11 **The first one here is Exhibit 3. You know,
12 it's difficult to read, you know, as these Informal
13 Complaints often are. Probably has --**

14 A. Yeah.

15 **Q. -- this to some extent.**

16 **This is from an inmate, Anne Apodaca. Do
17 you know this inmate?**

18 A. No.

19 **Q. She says -- she's asking here to please have
20 staff stop removing rodent barriers. And my understanding
21 from talking with dozens of inmates and other folks is --
22 and she's sort of describing this here, is they are
23 putting barriers on the bottom of their cell doors to
24 prevent rodents from getting into their cells.**

25 **Are you familiar with this practice at**

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p> <p>1 Western?</p> <p>2 A. I always thought it was based on heating and</p> <p>3 cooling is what I thought it was about. I had no idea it</p> <p>4 was about mice. They'll put like a towel or whatever they</p> <p>5 can get underneath the doors. And any time I've ever</p> <p>6 asked it's because it was cold in the cell or hot in the</p> <p>7 cell and that added air, right?</p> <p>8 Q. I see.</p> <p>9 A. I will say, too, that these forms are</p> <p>10 incomplete, like extremely incomplete. No one has ever</p> <p>11 reviewed them that I see, which is odd. But just for your</p> <p>12 own information.</p> <p>13 Q. Yeah. I appreciate that, because I got these --</p> <p>14 it was very difficult to get these inmate grievances to</p> <p>15 begin with. And, you know, I eventually did after months</p> <p>16 of putting pressure on the Corrections Department, and got</p> <p>17 like a small stack.</p> <p>18 I know from talking with inmates there's is</p> <p>19 quite a few more, but I don't know why it's incomplete.</p> <p>20 That's a really good question. But I got these directly</p> <p>21 from the Corrections Department as part of an IPRA lawsuit</p> <p>22 that's related to this one. So that's where these came</p> <p>23 from.</p> <p>24 MS. MOULTON: Objection to form.</p> <p>25 A. I only --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p> <p>1 So, you know, it's difficult to read, but</p> <p>2 Ms. Apodaca here is saying that there's been a rodent</p> <p>3 problem here that they are dealing with with these</p> <p>4 barriers, and I just want to make it clear that you have</p> <p>5 never heard of inmates having issues with rodents crawling</p> <p>6 into their cells at night, and suing these barriers to</p> <p>7 protect against that.</p> <p>8 A. No.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. On the next page we have an incident -- I</p> <p>10 realize this is after your tenure here, but just so -- you</p> <p>11 know, you have these complaints going back before you got</p> <p>12 there, while you were there, and afterwards, and, you</p> <p>13 know, this is an example of one of them.</p> <p>14 She says that she -- this woman Erica Duran</p> <p>15 says that she found rodent feces in her cereal. Is that</p> <p>16 something that you've heard inmates complaining about</p> <p>17 before?</p> <p>18 MS. PULLEN: I will object to the form and</p> <p>19 foundation, and that this line of the questioning about a</p> <p>20 July, 2020, report is out of the scope of this case, given</p> <p>21 the Plaintiffs' time they were at the facility.</p> <p>22 MS. MOULTON: Object -- join. I join that</p> <p>23 objection.</p> <p>24 You can answer, Mr. Martinez, if you can.</p> <p>25 A. Like I said, and I even mentioned that earlier,</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p> <p>1 MS. MOULTON: Is there a question, Mr. Allen?</p> <p>2 MR. ALLEN: No. I'm just explaining to the</p> <p>3 in- -- sorry, to Mr. Martinez where I got these, and so I</p> <p>4 don't know why they are incomplete, just so you know.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: I only state that because I</p> <p>6 couldn't affirm whether this is authentic or not. I mean,</p> <p>7 I could write that right now in front of you and submit it</p> <p>8 to you as evidence is the only thing. It doesn't seem</p> <p>9 affirmed in any way, shape or form.</p> <p>10 MR. ALLEN: Uh-huh.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: That's all.</p> <p>12 Q. Given that I got these directly from counsel for</p> <p>13 the Corrections Department, do you think it would be</p> <p>14 surprising if someone manufactured these?</p> <p>15 A. I've seen inmates do worse.</p> <p>16 MS. MOULTON: Objection. Sorry. Go ahead and</p> <p>17 say it again.</p> <p>18 A. I've seen inmates do worse.</p> <p>19 Q. But given that they came from the Corrections</p> <p>20 Department would it be surprising that it was</p> <p>21 manufactured?</p> <p>22 A. Yeah, I'd say that. If you got it from the</p> <p>23 grievance officer or whatever. It's just that I don't</p> <p>24 know why they wouldn't add the entirety of it. Weird.</p> <p>25 Q. It is weird. Yeah, I agree with that.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>1 I don't know if there was a specific case or not, but</p> <p>2 inmates would say, "Hey, we found this," or we found flies</p> <p>3 or whatever, and they would produce something to somebody.</p> <p>4 And 99 percent of the time that I recall I never heard,</p> <p>5 yeah it is rat poop, or whatever the case is.</p> <p>6 But, yeah. Oh, yeah, they play games like</p> <p>7 that, I'm sure.</p> <p>8 Q. Do you specifically recall inmates complaining</p> <p>9 about rodent feces in food that they were served?</p> <p>10 A. Not to me.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Do you recall Mr. Sanchez or Ms. Estevan</p> <p>12 telling you that they'd heard from inmates that they had</p> <p>13 been served food with rodent feces in it?</p> <p>14 A. Maybe. For some reason it sticks out in my mind</p> <p>15 that an inmate made a claim, and they went and checked it</p> <p>16 out and it ended up being like a burnt piece of something</p> <p>17 else. That sticks out in my mind, and I couldn't have</p> <p>18 just made that up out of my brain, so at some point an</p> <p>19 inmate made this allegation, somebody was sent to go check</p> <p>20 it out. Whether I sent him out or the major sent him to</p> <p>21 go look into it, to do a little investigation to see if it</p> <p>22 was substantiated or not. That makes sense.</p> <p>23 Q. I see. In this same Informal Complaint it</p> <p>24 mentions "to staff" here. Do you know who Lt. Gifford is?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p>

16 (Pages 58 to 61)

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1 A. If that process occurred it would have went
2 through, like he said, the three-price quote, and we would
3 have went with the most -- not necessarily the cheapest
4 one, the one that met our needs. And that would go signed
5 off on by the business office and whoever else. I don't
6 even think the facility has -- I think that has to go to
7 Central Office, maybe, I'm not 100 percent sure, for final
8 approval. But generally a vendor would be picked based on
9 or needs and based on cost, of course, and they would
10 perform their function.

11 **Q. And what role did the warden or deputy warden**
12 **play in selecting a vendor?**

13 A. I don't recall it ever being -- like, if it was
14 my decision or not, I wish, because I would have just
15 got -- you know, hey, if it's not my money I would have
16 probably got the most expensive place I could get. That's
17 just not the reality situation, not the way it works. And
18 that goes with any kind of vendor, from UA cups to what
19 laptops we get, to whatever else, I would go with the
20 expensive best technology. It's just not the reality.

21 **Q. Uh-huh. Mr. Sanchez said in his deposition that**
22 **he wanted to -- there was three companies that came in**
23 **every time is my understanding. PDI was always one of**
24 **them. That's the one that actually provided the service.**
25 **And that one's based in Grants.**

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1 **And there was two others based in**
2 **Albuquerque, and I believe he said that he wanted -- if it**
3 **were up to him, along the lines of what you just said, he**
4 **would have hired those other companies over PDI, because**
5 **he thought they would provide better services.**

6 MS. MOULTON: Is there a question there?

7 **Q. Do you recall discussing Mr. Sanchez' preference**
8 **to hire a different pest control company other than PDI?**

9 A. No. And it would have definitely been
10 something, being a new warden, I would have definitely
11 looked into, saying, "How do we get this done?"

12 I don't even know who made that decision.
13 I don't know if it was, like I said, Central Office level,
14 if it was the business office, but obviously somebody had
15 signed off on it.

16 **Q. Given that Mr. Sanchez was reporting directly to**
17 **you, would you have expected that to be the kind of**
18 **information that he communicated to you?**

19 MS. MOULTON: Objection to normal.

20 A. Sure.

21 **Q. And just to make sure we are clear: If he was**
22 **concerned about the quality of the pest control services**
23 **provided by the existing vendor and he believed that other**
24 **vendors could do a better job, he should have communicated**
25 **that to you. Correct?**

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1 MS. MOULTON: Objection to form. You can
2 answer.

3 A. Sure. Yeah, I would hope that he would have.
4 And maybe he did. "Hey, Boss, I wanted to pull these
5 guys, but they're going to select this guy because he's
6 local and he's cheap." I have no idea.

7 **Q. Okay. Fair enough.**

8 **Let me turn now, then, to Exhibit No. 8,**
9 **which is this OPS Complaint from a woman named Nicole**
10 **Ramirez. Do you see that document?**

11 A. Yes.

12 **Q. Is this form familiar to you? Did you see this**
13 **a lot while you were doing your OPS work?**

14 A. Yes.

15 **Q. Okay. And so what's -- who -- what types of**
16 **people file this type of form, like in your experience?**
17 **Where do these forms come from?**

18 A. It's subjective. It's whoever the warden wants
19 to. When I was the warden, either I would have my deputy
20 warden submit it or the major, possibly. But that's me.

21 Anybody can make an allegation, and then it
22 goes, I would require that to come up to the proper level,
23 or whatever, and then they would do the OPS investigation
24 That way we can track it appropriately.

25 For me, when I was running the facility,

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1 Santa Fe or Western, it was also a major, a unit manager,
2 or above.

3 **Q. Okay. I ask because I should, for**
4 **transparency's sake mention that Ms. Ramirez is our client**
5 **in a separate lawsuit involving a whistleblower case. She**
6 **worked for Centurion, uhm, right as you were leaving, I**
7 **think.**

8 **Let's see. You left in February, 2020; is**
9 **that correct?**

10 A. Yes. I wasn't here during this time.

11 **Q. Okay. So she came on board in December of 2019,**
12 **I believe. You don't remember her, do you?**

13 A. No.

14 **Q. Okay. Just for full transparency's sake, Ms.**
15 **Ramirez has alleged that she was fired for filing this**
16 **complaint about what she viewed as a rodent infestation at**
17 **Western.**

18 **Did you ever talk to anyone about this**
19 **complaint?**

20 A. I didn't even know this complaint existed until
21 you sent it, or I got it in my email.

22 **Q. Okay. Fair enough.**

23 **This particular -- you know, she's talking**
24 **about one specific allegation here. If you turn to**
25 **page 2, it's the third paragraph. She's talking about**

24 (Pages 90 to 93)

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1 the timeline, Mr. Sanchez, I believe, started as FSSO in
2 January of 2018, and you started as deputy warden in June
3 of 2018. Correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. So what, to your knowledge, is the time frame in
6 which these food practice changes took place?

7 A. Well, if you want to give me a second, I'll find
8 it and I'll tell you exactly when it happened, but I
9 know -- I want to say January sometime, maybe? Of '18
10 maybe?

11 Where's it at? Boo-boo-boo-boo. (Note:
12 Clucking sound.)

13 Actually, you know what? I'm wrong. It
14 was after I left. So the time frame shrinks a lot.

15 So the date of it is 4-19 of 2019 where she
16 claims she bought \$70 of plastic bins for mice (inaudible)
17 anywhere; mouse traps those aren't working.

18 So that's in April of '19. I stand
19 corrected. And that was to Ian Tollitson.

20 Q. I see. Can you tell me which document you're
21 looking at?

22 A. This is an email.

23 MS. MOULTON: The Bates number is on the bottom,
24 Mr. Martinez.

25 THE WITNESS: Let's see. Summit-Gen00020.

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1 Q. I see it. So I don't believe that's in one of
2 our exhibits. That's in another document that you were
3 looking at?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. And what is that document?

6 MS. MOULTON: He just identified it.

7 A. Yeah, that's the only way I can identify it. It
8 doesn't have any other marker on it.

9 Q. I thought at the beginning of the deposition you
10 mentioned that the only documents you looked at were these
11 exhibits. Am I misremembering that?

12 A. Yeah. All I'm seeing is what I've been sent. I
13 guess I should have clarified it that way. Whatever was
14 sent me is what I opened up.

15 Q. Could you tell me what documents you were sent
16 that weren't in these -- that weren't marked as
17 Plaintiffs' Exhibits in these yellow boxes with a number?

18 MS. MOULTON: I'm going object that is
19 attorney-client work product -- attorney-client
20 privilege/attorney work product. What documents I sent
21 him is privileged information.

22 Q. Are you -- go ahead and respond, Mr. Martinez.

23 A. So I have my answers to my response. My
24 answers. I have my stuff here. (Note: Pause.) And
25 wherever else was attached, that's what I have. On

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1 emails.

2 Q. Can you give me have a sense of what documents
3 you were provided that aren't stamped with these yellow
4 boxes that say Plaintiffs' Exhibit and then a number?

5 A. Like I said, the only thing I have on here,
6 because I put them in a folder, was Martinez
7 answers.response.

8 Q. And how many documents are in there?

9 A. It says page 1 of 17.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. These are my interrogatories, blah, blah, blah;
12 my history of being sued; my trainings; all this jazz.

13 Q. Okay. Okay. Let's go back to Mr. Sanchez'
14 response, then.

15 Are you saying that these changes happened
16 in April of 2019, is your sense?

17 A. I misspoke. It is April of 2019. But there is
18 documentation somewhere that has Roberta's name on it that
19 they are discussing it. I don't know where I saw it.

20 But I was incorrect. It's April of '19.
21 So that would have been something that I would have
22 implemented either as deputy warden or as a warden,
23 because I was there until February of '20.

24 Q. And so Mr. Sanchez says, you know going back to
25 the OPS report, that same page we were looking at, and

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1 this one is marked in the middle bottom of the page:
2 SZapata 1357. At the top he mentions that this change in
3 food practices that happened in April of 2019 cut down on
4 mice in the kitchen, and before that you would see them
5 "on the daily," he says.

6 MS. PULLEN: Objection: Form, foundation, if
7 that's a question.

8 MS. MOULTON: Join.

9 MR. ALLEN: I just want to make sure you see
10 that before I ask the question.

11 THE WITNESS: I'm reading through it -- you're
12 talking about the big set of text at top, right?

13 Q. Yeah.

14 A. (Reading) This cut down on mice in kitchen.
15 Before you would see them on the daily. I haven't seen a
16 mouse in there in a few month. Uhm, --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. -- yeah.

19 Q. And so seeing mice in the kitchen on a daily
20 basis seems fairly frequent. Did Mr. Sanchez mention this
21 to you?

22 A. That they would see mice daily? No.

23 Q. That never happened.

24 A. No.

25 Q. And to be clear, he never mentioned that mice

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1 were a problem to you, that he viewed mice as a problem at
2 Western.

3 A. So what I would say: If an issue arose, like I
4 said when the sticky traps were implemented and all that
5 stuff, I was made aware of it. So, yeah, he did report
6 some incidences of me, but not to this magnitude of daily.

7 Q. Okay. Towards the middle of that paragraph he's
8 going into the past. He's talking about what happened in
9 the past when it came to pest control at Western, and
10 that's why this document's relevant to your time while you
11 were a deputy warden and warden at Western.

12 It's a sentence that reads, "I mean, in the
13 past we had issues, but according to my last EID
14 inspection it's 100 percent better. There's no sign of
15 feces in that area."

16 You know, this is kind of garbled here.
17 (Reading) That used to be so the mice population mice.

18 What he's saying, I think, is that the last
19 EID inspection was much better than the ones in the past.
20 Is that the way you read that sentence, as well?

21 MS. MOULTON: Objection to form, foundation.

22 MS. PULLEN: Join.

23 A. If I had to be a mind reader, yeah, that's what
24 it sounds like he's saying.

25 MR. ALLEN: Okay. Let's see here.

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1 I would like to do another quick break, and
2 then I think the next one will probably be -- well, no.
3 Let me ask you a couple of quick questions first, and then
4 we will take a break. And I think we would just need one
5 little section and then we should be done here,
6 Mr. Martinez.

7 Serving food with rodent feces in it to
8 inmates would be a problem, correct?

9 A. I'd say so. I don't want to eat rat feces.

10 Q. And if you look towards -- if you go -- stay in
11 the OPS report and do you see the Bates stamp SZapata
12 1372?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. There's a Lt. Joey Gonzales who is being
15 interviewed here. Do you know this individual?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. Okay. Is he a trustworthy person?

18 A. I don't know him at that level. I mean, I
19 promoted him from sergeant to lieutenant, so he must have
20 had -- at least in my opinion he must be trustworthy.

21 Q. You have some faith in his professional
22 abilities.

23 A. Yes, sir. We didn't hang out outside of work or
24 nothing like that, I just don't do that, but okay.

25 Q. Sounds good. So he's saying at the end -- and

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1 go down to the very last paragraph. The OPS investigator
2 is slipping in another question here about a reported
3 incident of mouse droppings in cereal. Do you see that
4 paragraph?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And he's saying a Sgt. Tachine -- is that how
7 you say that name? Do you know her?

8 A. Ta-cheen.

9 Q. Ta-chin-ee (phonetic); is that right?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. What is Sgt. Tachine's first name?

12 A. I do not know. Sergeant?

13 Q. Okay. Just curious. She's saying that mouse
14 droppings have been found in the cereal, in the corn
15 flakes, and Mr. Gonzales is saying it was verified that
16 there were mouse droppings in the cereal. Do you see
17 that?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 MS. PULLEN: I will object to this line of
20 questioning allegedly involving an incident of 4-28-20,
21 which is beyond the scope of this lawsuit. And also form
22 and foundation.

23 MS. MOULTON: Join.

24 Q. I ask this question because our Plaintiffs and
25 numerous other inmates and former inmates have said this

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1 is something that occurred regularly at Western. If this
2 is something that occurred regularly at Western, inmates
3 being served food with rodent feces in it, that would be a
4 serious issue that would need to be rectified, correct?

5 MS. PULLEN: Objection: form, foundation.

6 MS. MOULTON: Same.

7 A. I'll state that in this particular incident he
8 goes on to state that the whole batch of cereal was thrown
9 away. So yeah.

10 Q. That's right.

11 Have you heard of Hantavirus, Mr. Martinez?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. What do you know about it? Tell me your
14 knowledge of that.

15 A. I actually had Hantavirus like five years ago.
16 It's something you don't want to have.

17 Q. Oh, my God. That's pretty serious. You're
18 lucky, right? The mortality rate is fairly high from that
19 illness.

20 MS. MOULTON: Hold on. Object to form,
21 foundation.

22 MS. PULLEN: Same.

23 A. It's the sickest I've ever been in my life, let
24 me tell you that.

25 Q. And how did you -- when did you contract

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